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The Happy - Obedient Child

CHILDREN - HAPPY TO BE OBEDIENT

INT: Word OBEDIENCE no more popular word than SUBMISSION today.

Reason: Live in "Do your own thing" era. Prov. 21:2.....

Always DIS-obedience has been a problem in a condition of free moral agency. Eve. Adam. Cain. Abraham. David. Saul.

Words: Love, submission, obedience, obey, foreign to the pagan world. Christian: Eph. 4:17. 5:22. 5:25.

Homes where Christ does not dwell; SIN possesses the children. * Rom. 1:28-30. Disobedient to parents.

Pagan families, when converted to Christ, took on new attitudes and new relationships. * Col. 3:5-8.

* Eph. 6:1-3. Col. 3:20.

I. WHAT CHILDREN INVOLVED? in Eph. 6:1. Col. 3:20.

Child till 30!

1. Teens or older: Mature & responsible. Able to understand, Comprehend, Respond to profound injunction.
2. Caution: Treat small children NOT as OLDER children, lest they become discouraged and present serious behavioral problems. Let children BE children. Not adults

II. FOUR REASONS CHILDREN SHOULD OBEY THEIR PARENTS

Sports!! Be happy too!

A. BECAUSE: A CHILD OF GOD! Eph. 6:1. In the Lord.

1. I Cor. 7:39. teaches Chr. widows to marry ONLY in the Lord. Means member of the church.
2. Eph. 6:1-3 means Christian children obey Christian parents according to Christ's Christian Teachings. Based on Mark 16:15-16. All be Christians. Goal. Note: Eph. 4:22-24, and 5:1-2, then 6:1. OBEY because of your "position": in the Lord. Saved.

B. BECAUSE CHRISTIANS "DO THE RIGHT THING."

1. Jesus set the example for children-teens doing right. Lk. 2:49-52.
 2. Although being the Son of God, Jesus was humble, unselfish, submissive & obedient to human parents.
 3. No young person can call himself a Christian today if he acts OTHER than in the SPIRIT Jesus did.
- Woody, Jr. & James.* Ill. Woody Lodon boys. "Do what daddy says" Trained in the Lord by an Elder-father, in the Lord. Mother; This family knows no other way to do things.....

C. BECAUSE OF GOD'S PROMISE ATTACHED TO OBEDIENCE.

1. Goes back to Exodus 20:12. Great blessings to be theirs in CANAAN LAND.

2. Here, H. S. ties obedience to personal benefits:

NAME SOME!

C. Promises cont....

3. Name some:

- a. Greater and earlier FREEDOM in life when based on parental respect & obedience.
 - b. Restful, relaxed and pleasant home life. No distasteful power-struggle. John 10:10.
 - c. Beautiful and lasting memories of a truly Christian home. Worth more than gold.
- Ill. Boy wanted to be baptized, but knew his non--Chr. parents would object. Wanted to go ahead. Preacher desisted. Wanted their approval. Talked to mother. Later to father. "We will not disobey you while he under your roof." Father changed. Experience entirely pleasant one.

D. BECAUSE YOUR LIFE WILL BE LONGER ON THIS EARTH.

1. First, there is the QUALITY of one's life.
Ill. Youth forums, etc.: What want in life?
1st: Love of God. 2nd: Love of parents. Obey **!!!**.....
 - a. Suicide is 2nd greatest killer of teens. Why?
Life is unhappy, miserable and bitter. Disobedience...
 - b. Disobedient child less-likely to make smooth, warm and happy home of his own. Instead; divorce, bitterness, heartache and futility.
2. Second, there is the QUANTITY of one's life: Length.
 - a. In OT an incorrigible child was stoned to death.
 - b. Today an incorrigible takes his own life through car accidents, dope, foolish games and recklessness.
Ill. 19 yr. old. 90 MPH at mix-master. Deliberate. Traveled with 17 yr. old son.

Our greatest concern: JESUS IS COMING AGAIN. Maybe soon..
THEREFORE: The sensible, mature-thinking, spiritually-minded young person is HAPPY to be obedient.
BECAUSE:
 1. He is a child of God...in the Lord.
 2. Children of God do what is right... & good.
 3. Christians want the abundant life (all may be well with thee.)
 4. Christians wish to live long as well as righteously & godly.

THIS is why/ wise children are happy to OBEY.

INV: Is there a child....a young person....in this audience who is not a Christian??? WHAT is the better way????
none.

John 20:30-31. Do you believe? Will you obey tonight????
Mark 16:15-16.

If unhappy with self, can ease your burden. I John 1:9.